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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT **TRANSMITTAL**

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Dear Examiner.

In accordance with the duty of candor provisions set forth under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§ 1.97-98, submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents that Applicants wish to make of record in the above-identified application. Copies of pending unpublished U.S. applications which are stored in the USPTO's Image File Wrapper (IFW) system are not being submitted pursuant to MPEP §609.04(a)(II)(C).

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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed document(s) be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application, and that a copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. §609.

All fees associated with this submission have been paid during the electronic filing process. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

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